Claim 1 (original) A beverage can, comprising:

a body portion having an open end and defining a receiving cavity therein;

a can lid comprising a top portion and at least a protective laminate applied to an entire outer surface of said top portion, wherein said can lid integrally covers said top open end of said body portion and forms an outer rim surrounding said can lid to form said beverage can, said top portion having a pre-cut lid score line defined around a dispensing area, said protective laminate applied to said entire outer surface of said top portion having at least a peel-off die-cut line provided thereon to facilitate a removal of at least a dispensing portion of said protective laminate from said can lid; and

a dispensing tab attached and disposed on said can lid in such a manner that said dispensing tab is able to be raised to sever said pre-cut lid and said dispensing area to form a dispensing orifice after at least said dispensing portion of said protective laminate is peel-off from said can lid through said peel-off die-cut line.

2. (original) The beverage can, as recited in claim 1, wherein said peel-off die-cut line is defined around said entire can lid so as to enable said protective laminate being peeled off for a full circle.

3. (original) The beverage can, as recited in claim 1, wherein said protective laminate further has a pre-cut laminate score line defined around said dispensing area of said

top portion of said can lid, wherein said pre-cut lid and said pre-cut laminate score line are severed together by raising said dispensing tab to form said dispensing orifice.

4. (original) The beverage can, as recited in claim 1, wherein said protective laminate has a raised area provided along said peel-off die-cut line.

5. (original) The beverage can, as recited in claim 1, wherein said protective laminate has a printing thereon indicia.

6. (original) The beverage can, as recited in claim 1, wherein said protective laminate has a temperature sensitive material provided thereon that changes from one color to another color when a predetermined temperature is reached.

7. (withdrawn) A method of manufacturing beverage can, comprising the steps of:

(a) coating a protective laminate on one side of a flat sheet of lid metal;

(b) cutting said sheet of lid metal into a plurality of can lid having a predetermined shape and size and having said protective laminate applied to an entire outer surface of said can lid;

(c) providing a pre-cut lid score line defined around a dispensing area for each of said can lids;

(d) attaching and disposing a dispensing tab on each of said can lids in such a manner that said dispensing tab is able to be raised to sever said pre-cut line and said dispensing area to form a dispensing orifice after at least a dis-

pensing portion of said protective laminate is peel-off from said can lid through said peel-off die-cut line; and

(e) securing each of said can lids to an open end of a can body to form said beverage can.

8. (withdrawn) The method, as recited in claim 7, wherein in the step (c), said peel-off die-cut line is defined around said entire can lid so as to enable said protective laminate being peeled off for a full circle.

9. (withdrawn) The method, as recited in claim 7, wherein the step (c) further comprises a step of providing a pre-cut laminate score line defined around said dispensing area of said top portion of said can lid, wherein said pre-cut lid and said pre-cut laminate score line are severed together by raising said dispensing tab to form said dispensing orifice.

10. (withdrawn) The method, as recited in claim 7, wherein the step (c) further comprises a step of providing a raised area along said peel-off die-cut line.

11. (withdrawn) The method, as recited in claim 7, wherein the step (c) further comprises a step of providing a printing on said protective laminate indicia.

12. (withdrawn) The method, as recited in claim 7, wherein the step (c) further comprises a step of providing a temperature sensitive material on said protective laminate that changes from one color to another color when a predetermined temperature is reached.